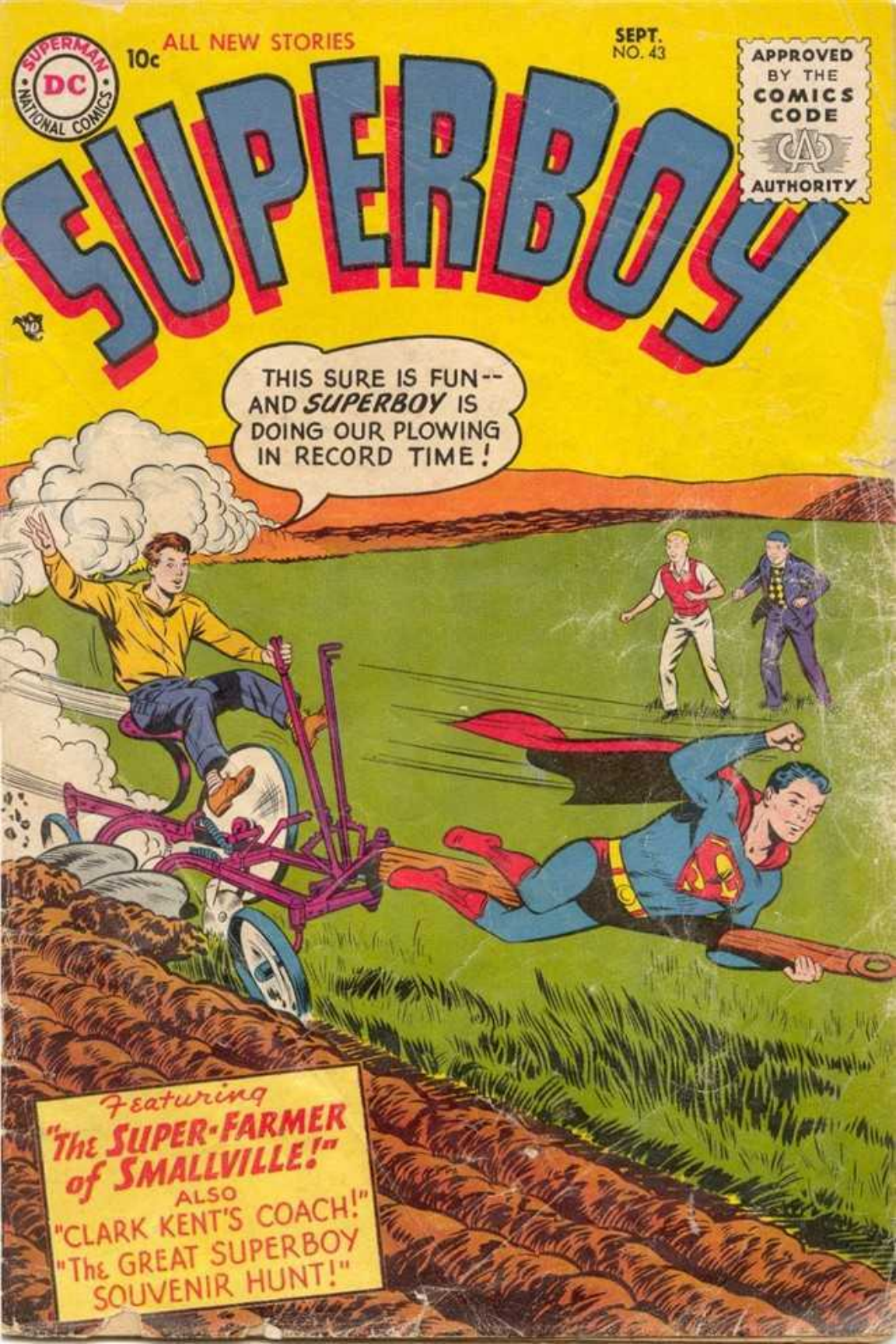
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THIS SURE IS FUN-- AND SUPERBOY IS DOING OUR PLOWING IN RECORD TIME!
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ALSO
"CLARK KENT'S COACH!"
"The GREAT SUPERBOY SOUVENIR HUNT!"

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The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
NOW I NEED MY SUPER WRENCH -- HEY, COME BACK WITH THAT!
WOW!
SUPERBOY MADE THIS TOOL! WHAT A SOUVENIR!
UNDER REPAIR BY SUPERBOY
POPULAR CROONERS AND OTHER PUBLIC FIGURES ARE WELL USED TO BEING FOLLOWED EVERYWHERE BY CROWDS OF ADMIRERS AND SOUVENIR SEEKERS! BUT WHEN IT HAPPENS TO SUPERBOY, IN THE MIDST OF IMPORTANT TASKS, IT IS NOT FLATTERING BUT HAMPERING! AND A SUPER-HEADACHE DEVELOPS FOR THE BOY OF STEEL AS SMALLVILLE IS SUDDENLY SWEPT BY...
THE GREAT SUPERBOY SOUVENIR HUNT

ONE MORNING IN SMALLVILLE, AT THE KENT'S BREAKFAST TABLE...
LAND SAKES, CLARK! USING SUPER SPEED, YOU FINISHED BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED!
WELL, YOU KNOW I HAVE A BUSY DAY AHEAD, MOM! THERE'S NO SCHOOL TODAY AND I PROMISED TO DO A BIG JOB FOR THE MAYOR!
HE GAVE ME A LIST OF SPECIAL CIVIC TASKS, YESTERDAY, WHICH HE THINKS ONLY I CAN HANDLE SAFELY! IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR MANY PLEASANT YEARS OF LIFE HERE!
TOWN TASKS FOR SUPERBOY

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NO ONE IN TOWN, OUTSIDE OF HIS FOSTER PARENTS, SUSPECTS THAT MILD-MANNERED CLARK KENT CAN DOFF HIS DAILY GUISE TO SOAR FORTH AS FAMED SUPERBOY!
MY FIRST JOB IS AT THE SCHOOL! SEE YOU LATER!
WAIT, SON! YOU FORGOT TO GET RID OF THESE... TOO LATE--HE DIDN'T HEAR ME!
HE BROUGHT THESE HUGE LUMINOUS LETTERS HOME LAST NIGHT, AFTER FLYING THEM THROUGH THE SKY AS WORDS, WARNING FARMERS OF A HAILSTORM COMING! I'LL HIDE THEM! HOW COULD I EXPLAIN THEM TO OTHERS?
ALTORM
BUT AT THAT UNLUCKY MOMENT...
HI, JONATHAN! I NEED YOUR ADVICE--WHAT CAN I GET MY BOY TOMMY FOR HIS BIRTHDAY? SAY, WHAT ARE THOSE?
OH, OH! BEING AN OLD FRIEND, DAN MASON JUST WALKED IN WITHOUT KNOCKING!
WHY, THOSE MUST BE WHAT SUPERBOY USED LAST NIGHT! BUT HOW WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE THEM IN YOUR HOME, JONATHAN? WOW! DON'T TELL ME YOUR BOY CLARK KENT IS... SUPERBOY?
WHY... UH...
GOT TO THINK FAST!
SUPERBOY WARNS OF HAILSTORM IN SKY WRITING
MANY YEARS OF PROTECTING THE WORLD'S GREATEST SECRET HAS SHARPENED JONATHAN KENT'S MIND...
HA, HA! STARTLED YOU, EH? BUT YOU SEE, I JUST PICKED THOSE UP WITH A TRUCK, AFTER SUPERBOY WAS THROUGH WITH THEM! I THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE A WONDERFUL UH... SOUVENIR FOR CLARK!
SAY, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA--JUST THE THING FOR MY TOMMY'S BIRTHDAY SURPRISE--A GENUINE SUPERBOY SOUVENIR! SO LONG!
WHEW! I GOT OUT OF THAT ONE NEATLY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
BUT DAD KENT CAN HARDLY FORESEE WHAT A STRANGE CHAIN OF EVENTS HIS SIMPLE REMARK HAS SET OFF!
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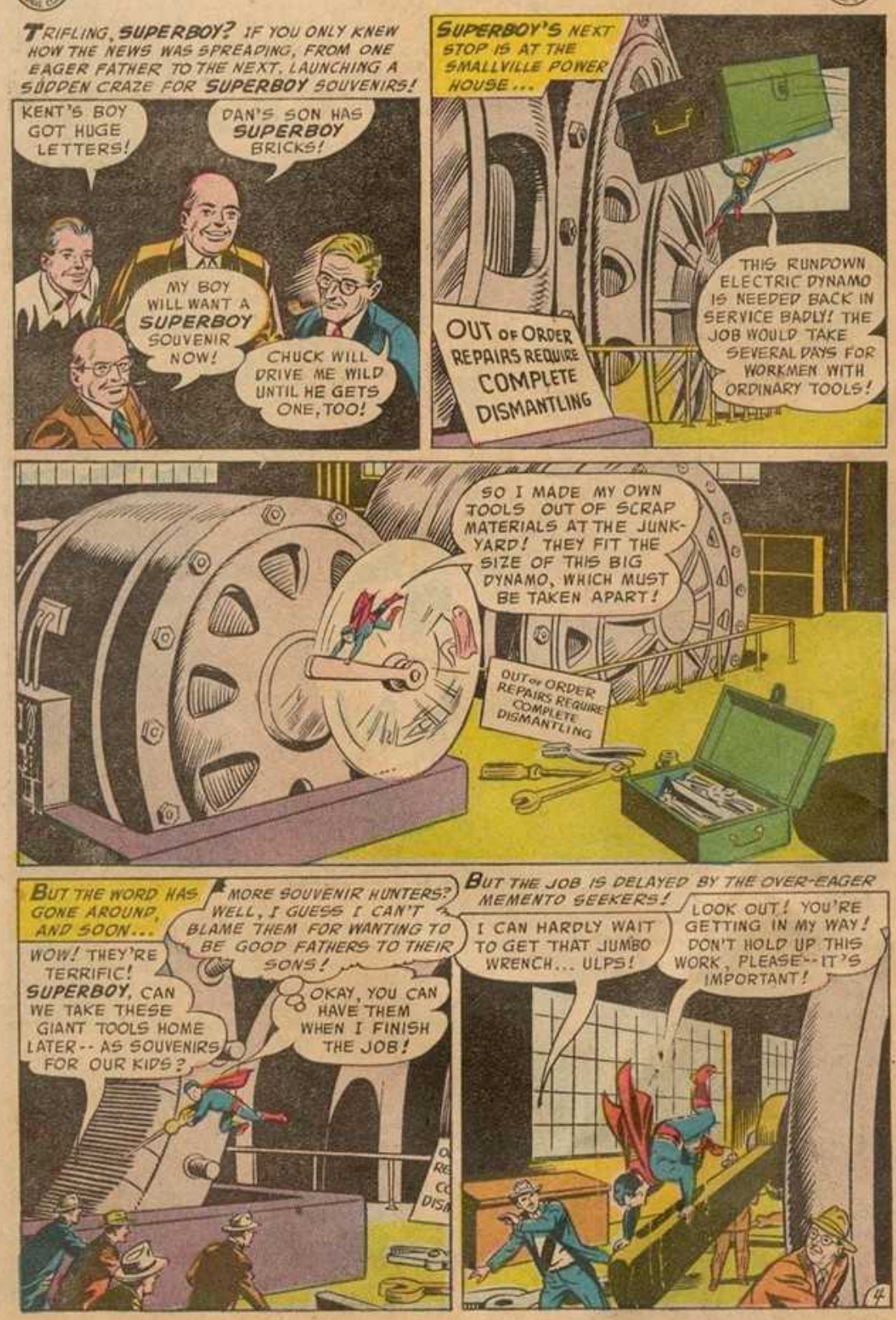
MEANWHILE, SUPERBOY PERFORMS HIS FIRST CIVIC TASK...
THIS SCHOOL WALL CRUMBLED WHEN THE SOFT GROUND CAVED IN HERE! REPAIRING IT WOULD BE A DANGEROUS JOB FOR REGULAR WORKMEN! I'LL FILL IT IN SOLID WITH HEAVY BOULDERS, FIRST!
NOW TO REPAIR THE WALL WITH THOSE SPECIAL HARD BRICKS I MADE MYSELF FROM CLAY--HEY, WHAT GOES ON HERE, DAN MASON?
AH, BRICKS HAND-MADE BY SUPERBOY--PERFECT SOUVENIRS!
YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU, SUPERBOY? IT'S FOR TOMMY'S BIRTHDAY! HE'LL BE SO TICKLED TO BUILD HIS DOG A NEW DOG-HOUSE WITH THESE GENUINE SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS!
BUT I DIDN'T REPAIR THAT WALL YET!
OH, YOU CAN MAKE MORE IN A JIFFY, SUPERBOY! YOU KNOW THAT!
YES, I SUPPOSE I CAN! OH WELL, LET TOMMY BE HAPPY WITH THEM! I'LL MAKE ANOTHER QUICK BATCH OF BRICKS, AT THE CLAY PIT OUT OF TOWN!
SOON, AT SUPER SPEED...
I MOLDED MORE BRICKS! NOW TO SQUEEZE OUT ALL MOISTURE! THE SUDDEN SUPER-PRESSURE ALSO CREATES TERRIFIC HEAT THAT BAKES THEM HARD IN A MOMENT!
WHUMP!
SSSSSS!
BACK AT THE SCHOOL...
THAT MORTARS UP THE WALL! DIDN'T TAKE ME SO LONG AFTER ALL, EVEN THOUGH THAT SOUVENIR HUNTER DELAYED ME SLIGHTLY! WELL, IT'S A TRIFLING MATTER!


TRIFLING, SUPERBOY? IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW THE NEWS WAS SPREADING, FROM ONE EAGER FATHER TO THE NEXT, LAUNCHING A SUDDEN CRAZE FOR SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS!
KENT'S BOY GOT HUGE LETTERS!
DAN'S SON HAS SUPERBOY BRICKS!
MY BOY WILL WANT A SUPERBOY SOUVENIR NOW!
CHUCK WILL DRIVE ME WILD UNTIL HE GETS ONE, TOO!
SUPERBOY'S NEXT STOP IS AT THE SMALLVILLE POWER HOUSE...
OUT OF ORDER REPAIRS REQUIRE COMPLETE DISMANTLING
THIS RUNDOWN ELECTRIC DYNAMO IS NEEDED BACK IN SERVICE BADLY! THE JOB WOULD TAKE SEVERAL DAYS FOR WORKMEN WITH ORDINARY TOOLS!
SO I MADE MY OWN TOOLS OUT OF SCRAP MATERIALS AT THE JUNK-YARD! THEY FIT THE SIZE OF THIS BIG DYNAMO, WHICH MUST BE TAKEN APART!
OUT OF ORDER REPAIRS REQUIRE COMPLETE DISMANTLING
BUT THE WORD HAS GONE AROUND, AND SOON...
WOW! THEY'RE TERRIFIC! SUPERBOY, CAN WE TAKE THESE GIANT TOOLS HOME LATER -- AS SOUVENIRS FOR OUR KIDS?
MORE SOUVENIR HUNTERS? WELL, I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR WANTING TO BE GOOD FATHERS TO THEIR SONS!
OKAY, YOU CAN HAVE THEM WHEN I FINISH THE JOB!
BUT THE JOB IS DELAYED BY THE OVER-EAGER MEMENTO SEEKERS!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET THAT JUMBO WRENCH... ULPS!
LOOK OUT! YOU'RE GETTING IN MY WAY! DON'T HOLD UP THIS WORK, PLEASE -- IT'S IMPORTANT!
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I'M THROUGH WITH THE TOOLS-- BUT I SEE 'LL HAVE TO HELP TAKE THEM AWAY! I HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO DRIVE THEM AWAY, YET THESE OVER-ZEALOUS SOUVENIR HOUNDS ARE GETTING IN MY HAIR!
FINALLY, WITH THE SOUVENIRS SAFELY MOUNTED ON CARS...
THANKS, SUPERBOY! WE'LL SEE YOU OVER AT YOUR NEXT JOB, TOO, FOR MORE SOUVENIRS-- AT THE CITY DUMP!
SMALLVILLE POWER PLANT
TROUBLE IS, IT'S PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE FROM CITY HALL THAT I'M DOING THESE JOBS IN TOWN TODAY-- AND IN WHAT ORDER! I CAN'T ESCAPE THEM
...UNLESS I CHANGE THE ORDER! THAT'S IT! I JUST CAN'T HAVE THEM UNDERFOOT ALL THE TIME, DELAYING ME! SO, INSTEAD OF CLEANING UP THE CITY DUMP NEXT, I'LL SKIP TO THE FOLLOWING TASK, FOOLING THEM!
THINK SO, SUPERBOY..?
LOOK-- SUPERBOY'S TURNING! ISN'T HE GOING TO THE CITY DUMP?
OMIGOSH! THEY'VE GOT "SPOTTERS" BELOW! THIS IS NO GOOD, FLYING OVER TOWN IN PLAIN SIGHT! AND USING SUPERSONIC SPEED WOULD CREATE BAD AIR CURRENTS FOR THAT AIRLINER!
THEN, DARTING BEHIND A BILLBOARD BELOW...
I HAVE IT! NOBODY WILL NOTICE OR CARE WHERE CLARK KENT IS GOING! IT'S THE PERFECT WAY TO "SNEAK" TO MY NEXT JOB, SO THAT THOSE SOUVENIR HUNTERS CAN'T TRAIL ME!
GUESS AGAIN, CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT!
THEY'LL THINK I WENT TO THE CITY DUMP!
WHERE DID SUPERBOY GO? HMM THAT'S CLARK KENT, WHOSE FATHER FIRST THOUGHT OF GETTING SOUVENIRS. I'LL BET HE SPOTTED SUPERBOY GOING TO THE PISTOL RANGE NEXT! I'LL SPREAD THE WORD!
PISTOL RANGE
ABANDONED QUARRY
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REACHING THE OLD QUARRY, CLARK KENT SECRETLY CHANGES TO THE BOY OF STEEL, AND THEN...
WE'RE MIGHTY GLAD YOU'RE TESTING THESE OLD GUNS FOR US, SUPERBOY! SOME MAY BE GOOD! BUT THE DEFECTIVE ONES MAY EXPLODE VIOLENTLY!
GLAD TO HELP, CHIEF! MOVE WELL OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE AS I FIRE THEM ALL!
MEANWHILE, CREEPING UP IN BUSHES BEHIND SUPERBOY...
PSST, NO NOISE! THE POLICE CHIEF MIGHT CHASE US OFF IF HE SAW US! BUT WE'RE SAFE FROM BULLETS IF WE STAND BEHIND SUPERBOY WHILE HE FIRES!
BUT THE RECKLESS SOUVENIR-SEEKERS DO NOT REALIZE ANOTHER DANGER...
AN EXPLODING GUN WOULDN'T HURT ME, BUT ANYONE WITHIN RANGE OF FLYING PIECES OF METAL MIGHT BE HARMED! I'LL FIRE THEM IN RAPID ORDER TO FIND THE DEFECTIVE ONES!
BANG BANG BANG
SUDDENLY, ONE GUN BURSTS AND SUPERBOY'S KEEN VISION SEES---
GREAT SCOTT! A SHINY REFLECTION ON ONE PIECE SHOWS A GROUP OF SOUVENIR-HUNTERS HIDING BEHIND ME--WITHIN RANGE OF THE FLYING METAL!
BANG!
IN THE NEXT SPLIT-SECOND, TWO SUPER-HANDS CONFINE THE BURSTING GUN HARMLESSLY!
THIS WILL PREVENT THE BROKEN PIECES FROM SCATTERING!
BUT SUPERBOY CAN NO LONGER REFRAIN FROM VOICING HIS ANNOYANCE TO THE SOUVENIR PESTS...
NOW LOOK, MEN! YOU'RE NOT ONLY HAMPERING ME, BUT PLACING YOURSELVES IN DANGER!
DANGER? NOT WITH YOU AROUND, SUPERBOY! WE KNOW YOU CAN HANDLE ANY EMERGENCY--LIKE THAT EXPLODING GUN! WE'RE NOT WORRIED!
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BULLETS ACTUALLY FIRED BY SUPERBOY! GOLLY! OUR KIDS WILL GO WILD OVER THESE!
SMALLVILLE
SUPERBOY SOUVENIR CRAZE SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE
HOLY MACKEREL! WHAT CAN I DO? NOTHING DISCOURAGES THEM! WILL I BE HOUNDED LIKE THIS ALL DAY--EVEN LONGER?
GOSH, THIS SORT OF THING COULD GET WORSE AND GO ON FOR WEEKS! NOW I KNOW HOW FAMOUS CROONERS FEEL WHEN THEIR FANS MOB THEM FOR AUTOGRAPHS! HMM--HOW CAN I NIP THIS IN THE BUD AND MAKE THEM STOP VOLUNTARILY??

HAS SUPERBOY GIVEN UP? FOR LATER, HE MAKES NO ATTEMPT TO SHAKE OFF HIS ZEALOUS FOLLOWERS...
YOU WIN, MEN! IN FACT, AS I SUPER-CRUSH THIS OLD JUNK INTO SMALL BULK, I'LL EVEN SHAPE THEM INTO SPECIAL SOUVENIRS FOR YOUR CHILDREN!
THANKS, SUPERBOY! OOF--THEY'RE HEAVY!
CITY DUMP

BECAUSE SUPERBOY HAS COMPRESSED HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF METAL INTO A SMALL MASS, THE SOUVENIRS ARE SUPER-HEAVY, AND, AS ONE MAN DRIVES HIS PRIZE HOME, TAKING A SHARP CURVE..
YIPES! IT ROLLED IN MY TRUNK ON THIS CURVE AND SMASHED ITS WAY OUT! THAT SOUVENIR IS SO HEAVY IT'S DANGEROUS! I--I WON'T STOP FOR IT! MY CAR IS BADLY DAMAGED!
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SMASH

BUT NOT FOR LONG, AS SUPERBOY FLASHES ALONGSIDE AND...
I'LL LET HIM SUFFER REMORSE FOR A WHILE--BUT BY THE TIME HE GETS HOME, HE'LL FIND I'VE REPAIRED ALL THE DAMAGE!

AS ANOTHER MAN REACHES HOME...
OOF--TOO HEAVY! IT SLIPPED FROM MY HANDS--AND THERE GOES MY FENCE! WHY DID I EVER COLLECT SOUVENIRS?
CRASH

BUT AGAIN, FOLLOWING UP..
HE'LL HAVE A NICE SURPRISE LATER-- LOOKING OUT TO SEE HIS FENCE GOOD AS NEW! AND I'LL TAKE THE SOUVENIR ALONG-- HE WON'T WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN!
I'LL GET RID OF IT FOR HIM -- AFTER I FIX THE TABLE AT SUPER SPEED! HE LEARNED HIS "LESSON", TOO -- THAT CERTAIN OF MY SOUVENIRS CAN BE VERY UNWELCOME!
OTHER FATHERS MANAGE TO GET THEIR SUPER-HEAVY TROPHIES INTO THE HOUSE, WHERE...
GREAT SCOTT! HEAVIER THAN LEAD, IT CRACKED THE TABLE APART! RUN DORIS-- IN CASE IT CRACKS THE FLOOR! I'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET RID OF THAT AWFUL DOLL!
CRACK
LATER, AFTER SUPERBOY MAKES THE ROUNDS OF ALL THE EX-SOUVENIR HUNTERS...
ALL DAMAGE REPAIRED! BUT ONE THING IS BEYOND REPAIR-- THEIR "SMASHED" ENTHUSIASM FOR MY SOUVENIRS!
LATER, AT SEA...
HERE'S WHERE I ORIGINALLY INTENDED DUMPING THIS JUNK-- BUT NOT BEFORE IT SERVED MY PURPOSE! ONCE THE WORD GETS AROUND HOW THESE WERE "DANGEROUS", THE CRAZE WILL BE ENDED! WHEW!
BACK AT HOME, JUST AS CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT PREPARES FOR A RELAXING EVENING...
SORRY, SON! YOU HAVE ONE MORE JOB TO DO! I FORGOT THOSE GIANT LETTERS I PUT DOWN HERE!
OH, NO! I'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM IMMEDIATELY! I DON'T WANT THE WHOLE THING TO START AGAIN!
THE END.

SHORTY
REAL ESTATE
OH SHORTY, COME HERE!
WILLIAM JONES, WHO RUNS A PET SHOP, IS ALWAYS BEHIND IN HIS RENT -- HE OWES US FOR SIX MONTHS NOW!
THINK NOTHING OF IT, BOSS. I'LL GO COLLECT IT FOR YOU!
LATER
SEE, BOSS - I COLLECTED THE RENT HE OWES YOU --
-BUT NOT IN CASH!

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WE'VE GOT IT LICKED NOW, MEN!
WINGS, YOUR SPEED SAVED THE MOVIE THEATER.
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# SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

PUT ON YOUR OVERALLS, GRAB YOUR SICKLES AND SCYTHES, AND COME ON OUT TO THE FASTEST-GROWING FARM IN HISTORY! OF COURSE, YOU WON'T HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO, BECAUSE AMONG YOUR FELLOW FARMERS IS **SUPERBOY**, READY TO PITCH IN WITH ALL HIS MASSIVE POWERS! HOW DOES THIS ALL COME ABOUT, YOU ASK? WELL, JUST STICK AROUND, AND YOU'LL LEARN THE ANSWER YOURSELF, AS YOU JOIN FORCES WITH...

## THE SUPER-FARMER OF SMALLVILLE

WHAT A FARM THIS'LL BE, ONCE **SUPERBOY'S** CLEARED THOSE ACRES FOR PLANTING!

ONE HOT SUMMER'S DAY, AS YOUNG HIKERS FROM SMALLVILLE SEEK A PICNIC SPOT...

HELP YOURSELF TO MY LAND, BOYS! JUST DON'T BE CARELESS WITH FIRE... IT HASN'T RAINED FOR WEEKS, AND EVERYTHING IS DRY!

THANKS FOR THE PERMISSION, FARMER BROWN!

BOY, THIS IS FUN! WE'LL BE CAREFUL TO PUT OUT THIS FIRE LATER!

FUNNY THING, THOUGH... WE ALWAYS HEARD FARMER BROWN WAS MEAN, AND CHASED KIDS AWAY! I GUESS MAYBE HE'S HAD A CHANGE OF HEART!

A CHANGE OF HEART? FAR FROM IT--FOR LATER THAT DAY, AFTER THE BOYS HAVE DEPARTED...
HA, HA... I HAD A GOOD REASON FOR LETTING THOSE YOUNG FOOLS USE MY PROPERTY TODAY! SOAKED WITH KEROSENE, THIS DRY GRASS FIRE WILL SWEEP ALL OVER THE FARM. AND I CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR IT!
AND BEFORE THE HIKERS HAVE GONE VERY FAR...
STOP, YOU KIDS! YOU CARELESSLY SET MY PLACE ON FIRE! MY BARN--MY CROPS--MY WHOLE FARM WILL BE RUINED!
BUT--BUT WE WERE SO CAREFUL TO PUT OUT THE CAMPFIRE--UH... WE THOUGHT!
AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, HOWEVER, BACK IN SMALLVILLE, CLARK KENT'S TELESCOPIC VISION DETECTS THE DISASTER--AND SWIFTLY HE CHANGES TO HIS OTHER IDENTITY OF SUPERBOY!
WISH I HAD SEEN IT SOONER--SOME FARM IS GOING UP IN SMOKE! GOT TO HURRY THERE--THE LONG DROUGHT HAS MADE EVERYTHING DRY AS TINDER!
BUT BY THE TIME THE BOY OF STEEL ARRIVES...
IT SWEPT THE FARM LIKE WILDFIRE! THERE ISN'T MUCH TO SAVE--EXCEPT FARMER BROWN'S HUT ITSELF!
MEANWHILE...
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY LIVESTOCK, BUT THE BARN ITSELF AND GROWING CROPS ARE COMPLETELY BURNED OUT! YOUR PARENTS WILL HAVE TO PAY PLENTY FOR THIS!
NO--PLEASE DON'T TELL THEM! WE DON'T WANT THEM TO PAY FOR OUR CARELESSNESS! CAN'T WE SETTLE THIS SOME OTHER WAY?
WAAL... ALL RIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU BOYS A BREAK! YOU CAN WORK OFF THE DAMAGE! COME BACK IN YOUR SPARE TIME AND FIX UP MY FARM AGAIN! FAIR ENOUGH?
GEE, THANKS! WE COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER DEAL THAN THAT!

IT WORKED! ACTUALLY, THE DROUGHT HAD ALREADY RUINED MY CROPS! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO RESTORE THEM WITH THE FREE LABOR OF THOSE YOUNG SIMPLETONS, WHO THINK THEY "RUINED" MY FARM! HA, HA!
AND LATER, WHEN SUPERBOY HEARS THE STORY FROM THE YOUNGSTERS...
...SO IT'S OUR FAULT, SUPERBOY! IT'LL BE HARD WORK RESTORING THE BURNED-OUT FARM, BUT THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE OUR PARENTS THE COST!
I ADMIRE YOUR ATTITUDE, FELLOWS... AND SINCE YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY FOR YOUR MISTAKE, THERE'S NO REASON WHY I CAN'T HELP YOU ALONG!
THUS, THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND...
WE HAVE ALL THE TOOLS AND NAILS-- BUT WHERE CAN WE GET NEW BOARDS TO REBUILD THE BARN?
JUST CLEAR AWAY THAT CHARRED RUBBLE... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE LUMBER!
SHORTLY, AMONG A GROVE OF BURNED SHADE TREES...
THESE ARE ONLY GOOD AS LUMBER NOW--AND REMOVING THEM WILL CLEAR MORE LAND FOR CROPS, IMPROVING THE FARM AT THE SAME TIME!
FOR CHOPPING AND SPLITTING, THE BOY OF STEEL USES HIS OWN SUPER-METHODS...
IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT FOR ME TO DO EVERY-THING FOR THE BOYS... JUST BIG JOBS LIKE THIS! THEY MUST STILL WORK AND MAKE UP FOR THEIR OWN CARE-LESSNESS!
AND WHEN THE PLANKS ARE READY...
I'LL ALSO SAVE THEM ERECTING SCAFFOLDS, WHICH ARE DANGEROUS!
GOSH, SUPERBOY-- WITH YOU HELPING OUT, WE'LL FINISH THIS JOB IN NO TIME!

FINALLY, WITH THE LAST NAIL DOWN, SUPERBOY SUPPLIES THE FINISHING TOUCH...
H-HE'S JUST POURING THE PAINT ON, FROM THAT HUGE VAT!
NOW HE'S FLYING AROUND THE BARN AT SUPER-SPEED, CREATING A SUPER-WIND THAT DRIES THE PAINT INSTANTLY!
ALL DONE! YOU BOYS CAN GO ON HOME TO SUPPER WHILE I CLEAN UP THE DEBRIS!
THERE'S YOUR NEW BARN, FARMER BROWN! TOMORROW WE'LL PLOW AND REPLANT YOUR CROPS!
ACTUALLY, THE OLD BARN WAS WORTHLESS -- AND WITH SUPERBOY HELPING THE KIDS, I'LL MAKE MORE ON THIS SLICK DEAL THAN I FIRST EXPECTED... HA, HA!
BUT WHILE CLEANING UP THE LAST OF THE DEBRIS, SUPERBOY'S SHARP EYES DETECT A SUSPICIOUS CLUE...
WHY, THIS IS A KEROSENE CAN, BETWEEN THE CAMPFIRE ASHES AND THE BARN! COULD FARMER BROWN HAVE STARTED THE FIRE HIMSELF? DID HE DELIBERATELY DUPE THE BOYS INTO WORKING HIS POOR-PAYING FARM INTO A MORE PROFITABLE ONE?
MAYBE -- BUT THIS CAN'S NO REAL PROOF... IT MIGHT BE HERE JUST BY ACCIDENT! I'LL HAVE TO HELP FINISH THE JOB, EVEN IF FARMER BROWN IS PROFITING UNFAIRLY, UNLESS I TURN UP STRONGER EVIDENCE!
KEROSENE
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NEXT DAY, AS THE SUPER-FARMER RESUMES HIS CHORES...
HA, HA... THIS SORT OF THING COULD PUT HORSES OUT OF BUSINESS!
ALL I ASK IS, DON'T FEED ME OATS FOR LUNCH!
NOW, TO SAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME, I'LL SOW THE SEEDS QUICKLY, WITH MY SUPER-BREATH! YOU BOYS CAN FOLLOW BEHIND AND COVER THEM OVER!
WHOOSH
SOON...
THAT FINISHES IT, FARMER BROWN! YOUR CROPS ARE ALL SEEDED IN, AND...
NOT SO FAST, MY YOUNG FRIENDS! SEEDS WON'T SPROUT WITHOUT WATER! BETTER MAKE AN IRRIGATION DITCH, TOO, LEADING FROM MY POND!
SO ONCE AGAIN, SUPERBOY TAKES OVER A BACK-BREAKING TASK...
GOLLY! HE'S MAKING TRENCHES TEN TIMES FASTER THAN ANY DITCH-DIGGING MACHINE COULD!
NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY TO TRY RAIN-MAKING METHODS, SO DITCH IT IS!
AND WHEN THAT JOB IS FINALLY DONE...
AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM INCREASES MY FARM'S VALUE 1000%--BUT I'M NOT THROUGH WITH THESE YOKELS YET!
ER... GOOD JOB FIXING MY FARM, BOYS! IN APPRECIATION, I'LL LET YOU SWIM IN MY POND TOMORROW!
OH BOY! THANKS!
EN ROUTE HOME...
THAT PROVES IT... FARMER BROWN ISN'T SUCH A BAD GUY AFTER ALL!
SO IT SEEMS... MAYBE HE DIDN'T TRICK THE BOYS, AS I ORIGINALLY SUSPECTED! LETTING THEM SWIM IN HIS POND IS A REAL GENEROUS ACT!
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THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, SUPERBOY-- BUT SOME TIME LATER, AS DARKNESS DESCENDS...

ONE COAT OF BRIGHT PAINT, AND THIS WRECK OF A BOAT WILL LOOK LIKE NEW! THEN... HA, HA... I'LL CARRY OUT THE REST OF MY PLAN TO MAKE THOSE 3 KIDS WORK FOR ME!

NEXT DAY...

WHEEE! THE DOCK'S ROTTED, BUT FARMER BROWN SAID WE COULD DIVE OFF THIS BOAT!

WAIT TILL THEY ALL CLIMB IN... ARE THEY IN FOR A SURPRISE!

ABRUPTLY...

YIPES! SHE'S SINKING!

OHH... YOU CARELESS KIDS DID IT AGAIN-- REPAYING MY KINDNESS WITH DAMAGE! THIS WILL COST YOUR PARENTS PLENTY... ROCKS BELOW WILL SMASH THE BOAT COMPLETELY NOW!

GOSH, ANOTHER BAD BREAK FOR US! BUT PLEASE-- OUR PARENTS MUSTN'T KNOW! CAN'T WE BUILD YOU A NEW BOAT?

THEY CAN'T-- BUT SUPERBOY CAN--AND THAT'S WHAT I'M AFTER. HE SAID HE'D BE BACK TODAY TO CHECK THE IRRIGATION!

AND WHEN SUPERBOY ARRIVES TO HEAR THE STORY...

I DEMAND THEY BUILD ME A NEW BOAT! THE OTHER ONE IS WRECKED, AS YOU CAN SEE!

HMM... I CAN ALSO SEE SOMETHING ELSE, WITH MY MICROSCOPIC VISION, PROVING FARMER BROWN A CUNNING CHEAT!

HE PREVIOUSLY DRILLED A SMALL HOLE AT THE WATERLINE, SO THAT THE BOYS' WEIGHT WOULD FORCE IT UNDERWATER, SINKING THE BOAT! HMM... I THINK, THOUGH, INSTEAD OF EXPOSING HIM, I'LL TEACH FARMER BROWN A LESSON, WHILE HELPING THE BOYS AT THE SAME TIME!

AWARE THAT SUPERBOY IS NOBODY'S FOOL, HOWEVER, FARMER BROWN PLAYS SAFE...
I'LL PIN HIM DOWN BEFORE HE GROWS SUSPICIOUS AND TRIES TO CHECK UP!
I AGREE!
ER... THESE INEXPERIENCED BOYS MIGHT BUILD ME A BAD BOAT-- SO I'LL HAVE TO ASK FOR CASH UNLESS YOU, SUPERBOY, SIGN A WRITTEN PROMISE TO HELP BUILD A GOOD BOAT!
I, Superboy, promise to help build a boat for farmer Brown-- to be even bigger than the dumb boat!
Superboy
HOW'S THAT?
HOW CAN SUPERBOY TEACH THIS GREEDY FARMER A LESSON, AFTER FALLING INTO THAT LEGAL TRAP?
HA, HA... GOT HIM DEAD TO RIGHTS NOW! IF HE DOESN'T FULFILL THIS SIGNED CONTRACT, I CAN BRING THE LAW ON SUPERBOY!
TO WORK, NOW! I'LL HAVE THE BOYS SET UP A DRYDOCK HERE, WHILE I ROUND UP THE SPECIAL FLEXIBLE TIMBER NEEDED FOR THE CURVING HULL!
UPON RETURNING WITH SOME UNOWNED DEADWOOD, SUPERBOY RAPIDLY LAYS THE KEEL...
BUT-- BUT, SUPERBOY... WHY ARE YOU MAKING IT SO BIG?
WELL, LET'S BE GENEROUS AND GIVE FARMER BROWN A BIGGER AND BETTER BOAT, SO HE'LL HAVE NO KICK COMING LATER!
BUT IT'S NO HAPPY SIGHT THAT GREETS FARMER BROWN, A FEW MINUTES LATER, WHEN HE ARRIVES FOR THE LAUNCHING...
I CHRISTEN THEE SUPER-BOAT! THERE SHE FLOATS!
SPLASH!
LAND SAKES ALIVE! STOP, SUPERBOY! WHY, THAT GIANT BOAT FILLS MY WHOLE POND... IT'LL FLOOD MY FARM!
GLUB! I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED, SUPERBOY, FOR NOT FOLLOWING YOUR SIGNED PROMISE!
PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT WHAT I WROTE!

NOTICE IT DOESN'T SPECIFY **HOW MUCH** BIGGER—SO I HAD FREE CHOICE ON THE SIZE WITHOUT VIOLATING MY PROMISE!

OKAY...YOU--YOU WIN, **SUPERBOY!** I GUESS YOU CAUGHT ON TO MY WHOLE SCHEME, EH?

I, Superboy, promise to help build a boat for farmer Brown--to be even bigger than the sunbeam I, Superboy

POOR PUSS--YOU WON'T DROWN! HUH--THIS SURE PROVES THAT WHEN YOU TRY TO CHEAT OTHERS, YOU ONLY END UP CHEATING **YOURSELF!**

HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON--AND REMOVING THE BOAT WILL STOP THE FLOOD! BUT HIS FONDNESS FOR HIS CAT PROVES HE REALLY HAS A KIND STREAK UNDERNEATH! HOW CAN I BRING IT OUT? HMM...

MEOW

SOON, WITH A PLAN IN MIND, **SUPERBOY** CONVERTS THE OVERSIZED BOAT'S LUMBER INTO **PICNIC TABLES**...

FARMER BROWN--I HAVE A HUNCH THAT ONLY YOUR **LONELY LIFE** BROUGHT OUT THE WORST IN YOU, ROBBING YOU OF FRIENDSHIP! MAKE THIS A FREE PICNIC AREA FOR KIDS, AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

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**SURE ENOUGH, A WEEK LATER, WHEN SUPERBOY RETURNS TO THE FARM...**

WHY, YOU KIDS ARE **FUN** TO HAVE AROUND! HERE...HAVE SOME MORE FRESH MILK! I'M NOT LONELY AND SOUR ON PEOPLE ANYMORE, THANKS TO **SUPERBOY!**

GUESS MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT, EH?

THE END


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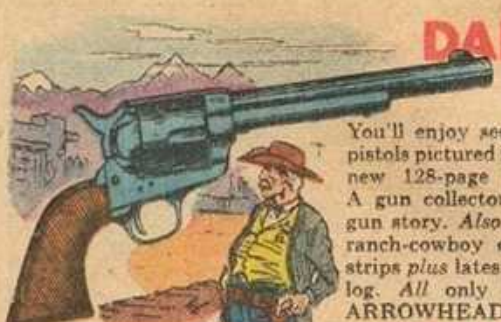

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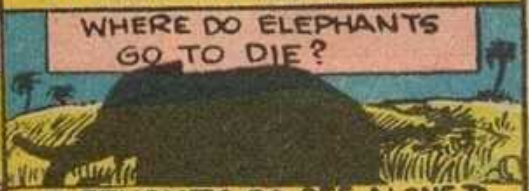

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ONE, PLEASE!
TO LOCKERS
TUM-TA TUM
NOW FOR SOME SUN TAN LOTION!
END.

# KNOW YOUR REPTILES

THIS year, thousands of campers, hikers, and folks who have gone into the country to spend a pleasant Sunday, will be bitten by snakes. Of these, a large number will die because the snakes were of the poisonous kind.

The National Safety Council believes that the number of fatalities would be substantially reduced if people learned to recognize a poisonous reptile when they saw one—and knew exactly what to do when accidentally bitten.

How about *you?* Do you know which of the 132 species of snakes in the United States are poisonous? Do you know what precautions to take when traveling in snake country? And do you know exactly what to do in case you're bitten?

Luckily, the poisonous reptiles are few in number and easily recognizable. Of the 132 species of snakes, only 20 are actually poisonous. And these 20 can be classified into four major groups: the rattlesnake, copperhead, water moccasin, and coral snake.

Although there are 21 varieties of rattlesnakes found in the United States, each variety having its own characteristics as to color, size and habits, there is one characteristic which is common to all rattlesnakes. This is the small button or rattle that is located at the end of the tail with which the reptile gives warning when it is disturbed.

The sizes of the rattlesnakes vary considerably, starting with the small Willard's rattlesnake, which is never more than 15 inches long, to the huge diamond-back, which attains a length of more than eight feet.

By far the most dangerous of all serpents is the diamond-back. A typical six-footer weighs about 12 pounds, has an ugly head that measures three inches wide and fangs that are three-quarters of an inch long.

Although the diamond-back is able to swim across a small body of water, it is not a swamp reptile. This reptile has a bold and constant pattern in the form of a chain of symmetrical markings.

The body of the copperhead, on the other hand, is pale brown, pinkish or light reddish-brown, with a series of large blotches on its sides. Its markings are usually of a rich, chestnut brown color.

The copperhead, so named because its head is copper-colored, usually grows to between three and four feet in length.

The water moccasin, as its name implies, is an aquatic serpent, living along streams, lakes, or in swamps. Growing to a maximum length of six feet, it is more dangerous than the

copperhead because it is more disposed to fight.

The water moccasin is colored a dull brown or olive, with a darker shade of crossing bands. A distinguishing characteristic is the whitish area around its mouth.

The coral snake, a slender, smooth serpent, differs in form, color, and habits from all other reptiles in the United States. Its most recognizable characteristics are its coloration —red, yellow and black rings—and the fact that its head is not distinct from its neck.

Coral snakes are small, rarely growing beyond three feet, and like to burrow.

As a general rule, snakes will not go out of the way to attack a man. Almost the only time that a snake will strike is when it doesn't have a chance to escape. Consequently, the snake should be given an opportunity to get out of the way.

Because snakes cannot stand the heat of day, they prowl at night. Therefore, it is wise to carry a lantern or powerful flashlight during the snake season.

Snakes hibernate during the winter. In the spring, they come out suffering great pangs of hunger. It is during this time that they are most dangerous.

Because 75 per cent of snake bites are in the legs, a good idea is to wear high leather boots. Caution should still be exercised, however, for some snakes are powerful enough to bite through leather.

There are visible signs to look for by which a snake bite may be instantly recognized.

There is discoloration in the area of the wound, and this spreads. The victim will complain of a burning pain at the point of contact, which also shows some swelling.

The wound made by the so-called pit vipers (rattlesnakes, copperheads and water moccasins) has the appearance of two small punctures from ¼ to ½ inch apart. The wound of the coral snake looks like a half circle of tiny holes.

The venom of the snake does not enter the bloodstream, as is commonly believed. It travels slowly toward the heart through the lymph spaces just under the skin. Consequently, there is no fear of immediate death.

Since fatal effect of venom does not come for 24 to 48 hours after being bitten, the victim should act promptly, but he should be as calm and unhurried as possible. The reason for this is that over-exertion is likely to speed the venom as it travels toward the heart.

The victim or his friends should first make every effort to contact a doctor. While waiting for the physician to arrive, first aid measures should be started at once. The first step is to apply a constricting band between the bite and the heart, using a heavy cord, handkerchief, or necktie. But this band should be loosened for five seconds every 15 minutes.

Then, a sterilized knife should be used to make criss-cross cuts over the fang punctures and just through the skin. Large veins and arteries should be avoided.

Suction should be applied for at least half an hour. This can be done with the mouth if there are no cuts or breaks in the mucous membrane; or with a heated bottle, the mouth of the bottle being placed tight against the bite and allowed to cool repeatedly.

The victim must be kept warm and lying down, and hot compresses should cover the cuts to encourage slow bleeding until the doctor arrives.

By not giving way to panic, and keeping your head, you can avoid the danger of death from snake bites. But the best advice still remains—steer clear of snakes!

—Jack Miller

# SUPERBOY

## The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

CLEVERLY, ALL THESE YEARS, **SUPERBOY** HAS MAINTAINED THE SECRET GUISE OF TIMID CLARK KENT--THE OPPOSITE OF HIS TRUE DYNAMIC SELF! BUT IMAGINE WHAT TROUBLE ARISES WHEN THE **BOY OF STEEL** MUST HELP CLARK KENT CONQUER HIS "WEAKNESSES"! AND WHO ELSE BUT LANA LANG, ALWAYS SEEKING TO UNCOVER HIS DOUBLE IDENTITY, WOULD THINK OF SUGGESTING **SUPERBOY** AS...

## CLARK KENT'S COACH

I'LL BE WATCHING THAT YOU CARRY OUT MY WISH, **SUPERBOY**! COACH POOR CLARK KENT TILL HE IS NO LONGER A TIMID WEAKLING!

GOSH, I CAN'T GET OUT OF IT... YET HOW CAN I PLAY BOTH PARTS--**SUPERBOY AND CLARK KENT?**

ONE MORNING, HIGH ABOVE THE STREETS OF SMALLVILLE...

THE AUTHORITIES GAVE ME THE FULL LIST OF ADDRESSES I NEEDED! I'LL STOP AT EVERY ONE WITHOUT FAIL, AND CLEAR UP THE ENTIRE MATTER!

WHY IS **SUPERBOY** IN SUCH A HURRY? IS HE ABOUT TO ROUND UP A GANG OF CRIMINALS?

NO--FAR FROM IT, THE **BOY OF STEEL** IS SETTING OUT ON AN **ERRAND OF CHEER**...

THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES LISTED ALL YOUNGSTERS IN TOWN WHO ARE BEDRIDDEN, COOPED IN THEIR ROOMS UNTIL FULLY RECOVERED FROM ILLNESS! MY KIND DEED WILL BE TO GIVE EACH ONE A CHOICE OF ANY "SUPER-GIFT" HE WANTS! I'LL START HERE, WITH TRUDY BLAKE!

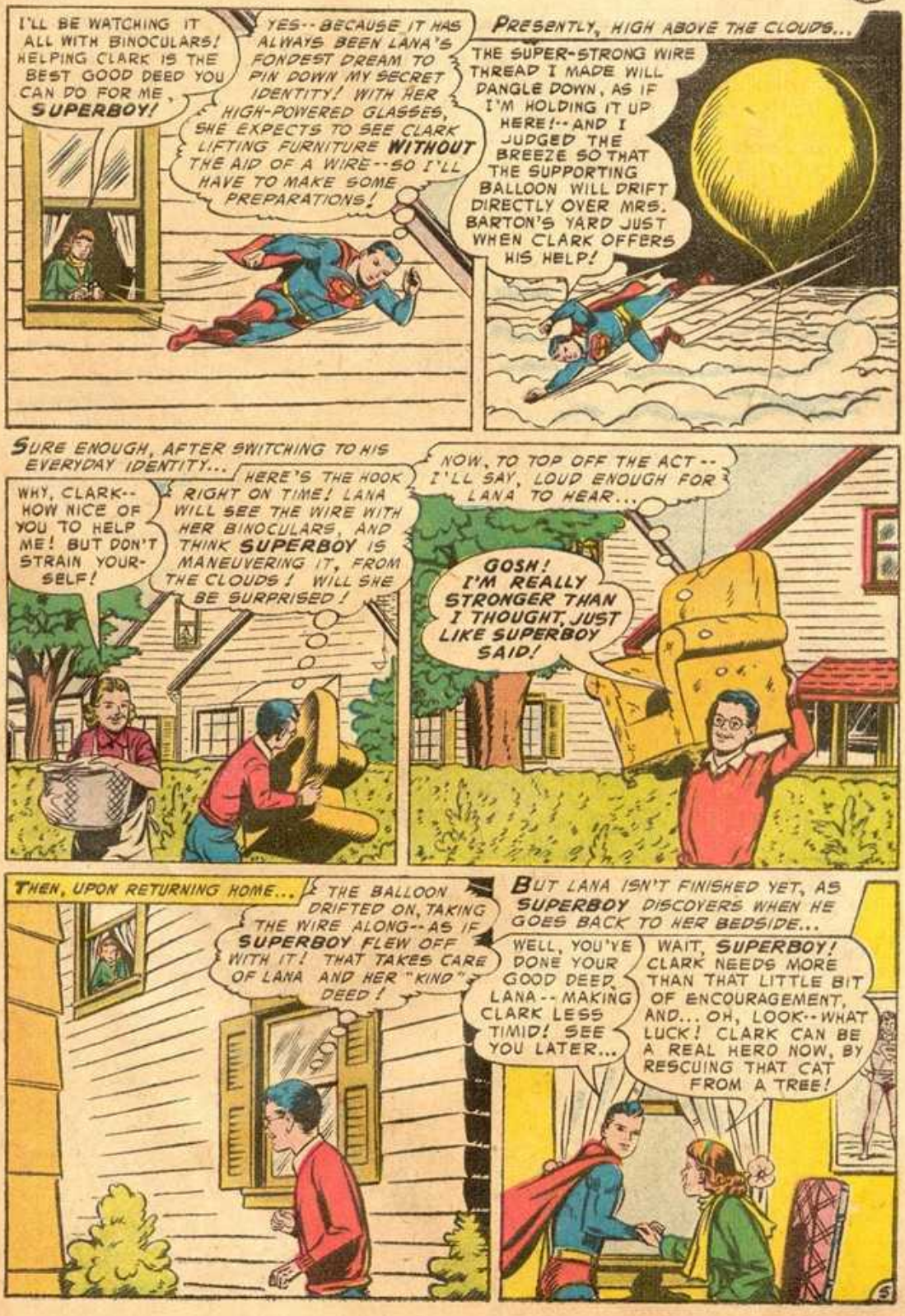
SOB

KIND DEED WEEK BE A "GOOD SCOUT" TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

DRY YOUR EYES, TRUDY! NAME ANYTHING YOU WANT, AND I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET IT! ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!
OH, SUPERBOY! SOB-SOB EVEN YOU CAN'T GIVE ME WHAT I WANT SO BADLY! I-I CAN'T GET OUT OF BED FOR ANOTHER MONTH, TO DO WHAT I LOVE MOST-- TO SKIP ROPE!
NO, I CAN'T HELP YOU SKIP ROPE, TRUDY, BUT-- HMM... YOUR DOLLS GIVE ME AN IDEA! I'LL BE BACK SOON!
WALKING DOLL
CRYING DOLL
AND AFTER A HASTY TRIP TO HIS OWN HOME...
DOLLS NOWADAYS DO ALMOST EVERYTHING-- EXCEPT THE ONE THING TRUDY WANTS... SO DAD KENT'S WORKSHOP COMES IN HANDY FOR CONSTRUCTING ONE AT SUPER-SPEED INCLUDING A POWERFUL CLOCK-WORK MOTOR!
SHORTLY AFTER, BACK AT THE SICK GIRL'S ROOM...
WHY, THAT DOLL LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME! IT'S AS IF I'M SKIPPING ROPE MYSELF! OH, HOW WONDERFUL, SUPERBOY!
IT'S THE NEXT BEST THING TO TRUDY DOING IT HERSELF-- AND WILL TIDE HER OVER TILL SHE'S WELL AGAIN!
THUS, LEAVING ONE LONELY CHILD HAPPIER, SUPERBOY PREPARES TO BRING SUNSHINE TO ANOTHER...
JIMMY'S DOCTOR ALREADY TIPPED ME OFF ABOUT HIS FAVORITE GAME...
AT EASE, SPACEMAN-- I... GOSH, SUPERBOY-- MY BIGGEST WISH IS TO... WELL, CAN YOU TAKE ME ON A TRIP TO THE MOON?
ER-- SPACE HOPPER SUPERBOY REPORTING TO CHIEF PLANETEER FOR ORDERS! NAME ANYTHING YOU WISH IN THE UNIVERSE, SIR!
OUCH! DID I BITE OFF MORE THAN I CAN CHEW?
WELL-- UH-- YOU KNOW IT'S DOCTOR'S ORDERS TO STAY HOME FOR AWHILE, JIMMY .. BUT WAIT HERE IN YOUR YARD-- I MEAN, MARS-- UNTIL I JET BACK SOON!
AYE, AYE, SPACE PAL!
This is MARS

FOLLOWING A QUICK TRIP TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE...
I WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO USE THIS LOT ACROSS THE STREET FROM JIMMY'S HOUSE! FIRST I'LL CHURN UP THIS LANDSCAPE!
EMPTY LOT
CITY PROPERTY
...THEN CONVERT IT, BY SUPER-MOLDING, INTO A MOONSCAPE!
SO ONCE AGAIN, A YOUNG INVALID FINDS HIS HEART'S DESIRE...
WOW! I FEEL AS IF I'M REALLY ON THE MOON! I'M GOING TO DO SOME EXPLORING BEFORE I ROCKET BACK TO EARTH!
S.O.S. FROM JUPITER... BLASTING OFF NOW! HAVE FUN. JIMMY!
MOON ANIMALS
IN HIS IMAGINATION, JIMMY WILL BE ON THE "MOON" FOR THE REST OF HIS CONFINEMENT! BUT WHEW! I WONDER IF I'LL RUN INTO ANY REQUESTS MORE UNUSUAL THAN THAT?
SOME DO PROVE MORE UNUSUAL, AS KIND DEED WEEK GOES ON -- BUT SUPERBOY FULFILLS THEM ALL FOR SMALLVILLE'S SHUT-INS...
LITTLE JEANNIE SURE ENJOYS THESE FUNNY-FACE CONTORTIONS!
BUTCH WILL SEE A STRONG MAN ACT THAT HE'LL NEVER FORGET!
BEING A BASEBALL FAN, BOBBY ASKED ME TO CATCH "FLIES" THAT I KNOCK 100 MILES UP IN THE AIR!

BUT YOU'RE SOON TO RUN INTO THE MOST UNUSUAL REQUEST OF ALL, SUPERBOY...
LANA LANG IS RECUPERATING FROM A COLD, AND SHE'S NEXT ON MY LIST!
HI, LANA! NAME YOUR FONDEST DESIRE, AND I'LL FULFILL IT IF I CAN!
WELL... GOSH--I REALLY CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING I WANT FOR MYSELF! BUT MAYBE YOU CAN HELP MY OLD FRIEND, CLARK KENT! I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SO TIMID!
IT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY TO SEE HIM GAIN MORE COURAGE--SO WILL YOU GIVE HIM A GOOD PEP TALK, TO BOLSTER UP HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE, SUPERBOY?
I'LL... ER... DO MY BEST, LANA!
UNDER LANA'S SHARP EYE, SUPERBOY FLIES INTO THE KENT HOME, WHERE...
I'LL STAY A SHORT TIME, AS IF GIVING CLARK HIS "PEP TALK"! I WONDER, THOUGH... IS THIS ANOTHER OF LANA'S TRICKS TO PIN DOWN MY DOUBLE IDENTITY! WHAT LITTLE SCHEME HAS SHE COOKED UP THIS TIME?
AND PRESENTLY, UPON RETURNING TO LANA...
I GAVE CLARK A GOOD PEP TALK, LANA, AS YOU ASKED ME TO DO!
BUT HE MIGHT FORGET IT, SUPERBOY! WE MUST HELP HIM OVERCOME HIS TIMIDITY BY HAVING HIM PERFORM SOME ACTUAL DEEDS!
FOR INSTANCE, WHY NOT ENCOURAGE CLARK TO HELP MRS. BARTON MOVE OUT HER OLD FURNITURE? YOU CAN SECRETLY HELP HIM LIFT THE HEAVY PIECES SO THAT HE'LL THINK HE'S REALLY GETTING STRONGER, AND GAIN SELF-CONFIDENCE!
I'VE EVEN FIGURED OUT HOW YOU CAN DO IT! FROM HIGH IN THE AIR, OUT OF SIGHT, YOU CAN LOWER A WIRE SO THIN THAT IT'S INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE... AND YOU CAN HOOK AND ELEVATE ANY BIG PIECE THAT CLARK TRIES TO CARRY!
SUPERBOY
CLARK KENT


I'LL BE WATCHING IT ALL WITH BINOCULARS! HELPING CLARK IS THE BEST GOOD DEED YOU CAN DO FOR ME, SUPERBOY!
YES--BECAUSE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN LANA'S FONDEST DREAM TO PIN DOWN MY SECRET IDENTITY! WITH HER HIGH-POWERED GLASSES, SHE EXPECTS TO SEE CLARK LIFTING FURNITURE WITHOUT THE AID OF A WIRE--SO I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SOME PREPARATIONS!
PRESENTLY, HIGH ABOVE THE CLOUDS...
THE SUPER-STRONG WIRE THREAD I MADE WILL DANGLE DOWN, AS IF I'M HOLDING IT UP HERE!--AND I JUDGED THE BREEZE SO THAT THE SUPPORTING BALLOON WILL DRIFT DIRECTLY OVER MRS. BARTON'S YARD JUST WHEN CLARK OFFERS HIS HELP!
SURE ENOUGH, AFTER SWITCHING TO HIS EVERYDAY IDENTITY...
WHY, CLARK--HOW NICE OF YOU TO HELP ME! BUT DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF!
HERE'S THE HOOK RIGHT ON TIME! LANA WILL SEE THE WIRE WITH HER BINOCULARS, AND THINK SUPERBOY IS MANEUVERING IT, FROM THE CLOUDS! WILL SHE BE SURPRISED!
NOW, TO TOP OFF THE ACT--I'LL SAY, LOUD ENOUGH FOR LANA TO HEAR...
GOSH! I'M REALLY STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT, JUST LIKE SUPERBOY SAID!
THEN, UPON RETURNING HOME...
THE BALLOON DRIFTED ON, TAKING THE WIRE ALONG--AS IF SUPERBOY FLEW OFF WITH IT! THAT TAKES CARE OF LANA AND HER "KIND" DEED!
BUT LANA ISN'T FINISHED YET, AS SUPERBOY DISCOVERS WHEN HE GOES BACK TO HER BEDSIDE...
WELL, YOU'VE DONE YOUR GOOD DEED, LANA--MAKING CLARK LESS TIMID! SEE YOU LATER...
WAIT, SUPERBOY! CLARK NEEDS MORE THAN THAT LITTLE BIT OF ENCOURAGEMENT, AND... OH, LOOK--WHAT LUCK! CLARK CAN BE A REAL HERO NOW, BY RESCUING THAT CAT FROM A TREE!

TELL CLARK YOU'RE LETTING HIM CLIMB AFTER THE CAT FOR HIS OWN GOOD... THEN, FROM HIDING, YOU CAN USE SUPER-BREATH TO BOOST HIM UP IF HE WEAKENS!
I CAN'T REFUSE, SINCE IT'S ALL PART OF MY "GOOD DEED" TO LANA!
SO AWHILE LATER, AS IF AT SUPERBOY'S URGING, CLARK KENT EMERGES, AND...
PRETTY CLEVER OF LANA! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE TOO WEAK TO CLIMB THIS TREE WITHOUT A SECRET BOOST FROM SUPERBOY! BUT LANA IS WATCHING THE LEAVES.. IF THEY DON'T FLUTTER, IT MEANS NO SUPER-BREATH IS BEING USED!
BUT BY KEEPING MY FACE AWAY FROM LANA, I CAN DEFLECT MY BREATH FROM THAT LIMB UNDER ME SO THAT THE FLUTTERING LEAVES "PROVE" TO LANA THAT SUPERBOY'S ON THE JOB AFTER ALL!
AND WHEN HE RETURNS TO THE GROUND..
WHEW! TRICKY STUFF! BUT THIS MAKES TWICE THAT LANA'S SEEN EVIDENCE OF SUPERBOY "HELPING" ME! THAT SHOULD END HER PRYING ONCE AND FOR ALL!
BUT LANA DOESN'T GIVE UP THAT EASILY...
GOOD WORK, SUPERBOY-- CLARK IS CERTAINLY IMPROVING -- BUT FOR GOOD MEASURE, LET'S BOLSTER HIS COURAGE ONCE MORE! GET CLARK TO CALL THE BLUFF OF A BRAGGING BULLY WHO JUST MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD-- BUTCH BAILEY!
OH NO!
HERE COMES BUTCH NOW! URGE CLARK TO DEFY HIM, SUPERBOY-- THEN YOU CAN HIDE BEHIND THOSE BUSHES AND MAKE SURE THAT CLARK COMES OUT BEST!
OUCH! THIS TIME I'LL BE IN FULL VIEW OF LANA, SO CLARK AND SUPERBOY WILL HAVE TO APPEAR TOGETHER!
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MOMENTS LATER, IN DAD KENT'S WORKSHOP..
I'VE USED THIS SUPERBOY DUMMY ROUTINE BEFORE--BUT I'VE NEVER HAD TO MAKE ONE SO LIFELIKE! IT MUST BE PERFECT IN ALL DETAILS, TO FOOL LANA, WHO'LL BE WATCHING CLOSELY!
NEXT INSTANT...
A BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH SENDS THE DUMMY INTO PLACE, AS IF IT FLEW THERE! TO LANA, IT'LL LOOK AS IF SUPERBOY IS CROUCHING THERE MOTIONLESSLY, WHEN CLARK APPEARS TO CHALLENGE THE BULLY!
AND SOON AFTER, AS CLARK EMERGES...
WELL, IF IT AIN'T CLARK KENT! I HEARD ABOUT YOU, THE BIGGEST WEAKLING IN TOWN! HA, HA!
YOU THINK SO, BUTCH? THEN LET'S SEE YOU DO SOMETHING I CAN'T DO!
HUH--THAT'S EASY! LET'S SEE YOU BREAK A BIG STICK--LIKE THIS! YOU PROBABLY COULDN'T EVEN CRACK IT... HA, HA!
WHAT IF I BROKE TWO STICKS THAT SIZE...
CRACK
...LIKE THIS!
SNAP
NOT SEEING "SUPERBOY" MAKE A MOVE BEHIND THE BUSHES, LANA WILL THINK HE WEAKENED THESE STICKS WITH A BEAM OF X-RAY VISION!
G-GOSH... YOU'RE STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT! I--I WON'T BOTHER YOU AGAIN, CLARK... I PROMISE!
AND DON'T TRY TO BULLY OTHER KIDS EITHER, OR I'LL PERSONALLY TAKE CARE OF YOU!
AT LEAST LANA'S SCHEME DID SOME GOOD BY TAMING THAT BULLY! I HOPE SHE'S CONVINCED NOW THAT SUPERBOY AND CLARK KENT ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE!

BUT BACK IN THE WORKSHOP, SUPERBOY GETS HIS BIGGEST JOLT OF ALL...
GREAT SCOTT! I MADE A SUPER-MISTAKE BEFORE! I PUT THE DUMMY'S LEFT HAND WHERE THE RIGHT SHOULD BE, AND VICE-VERSA! LANA'S SHARP EYE, WITH THE AID OF BINOCULARS, MUST HAVE SEEN THAT ERROR CLEARLY, PROVING THIS THING WAS A DUMMY!
WELL--I MAY AS WELL GO FACE THE MUSIC, AND TRY TO TALK MY WAY OUT OF IT... THOUGH I'M AFRAID SHE HAS ME LICKED THIS TIME! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, LANA HAS FINALLY PINNED DOWN MY SECRET IDENTITY!
HAS SHE? THEN EXPLAIN THIS SCENE THAT FOLLOWS, BACK IN LANA'S ROOM...
LANA, YOU'RE CRYING! BUT WHY?
THESE ARE TEARS OF JOY! DID YOU SEE HOW CLARK BRAVELY STOOD UP TO THAT BULLY? OH, SUPERBOY-- I'VE WANTED TO SEE THAT CHANGE IN CLARK ALL MY LIFE! THANKS SO MUCH FOR HELPING HIM OVER-COME HIS TIMIDITY!
QUITE A STUNNING SURPRISE, EH, SUPERBOY?...
GOSH! THE INVISIBLE WIRE-- THE SUPER-BREATH "BOOST"-- THE DUMMY SUPERBOY... ALL THOSE COVER-UPS WERE WASTED EFFORT! LANA WASN'T AFTER MY SECRET AT ALL... SHE WAS REALLY TRYING TO DO CLARK A KIND DEED!
YOUR GOOD DEED WILL ALSO MAKE ME GET WELL FASTER, SUPERBOY! I'M SO HAPPY FOR CLARK'S SAKE... I JUST HOPE HE LOST HIS TIMIDITY FOR GOOD!
AND SO, WHEN LANA IS FULLY RECOVERED...
OH, CLARK! SCARED BY A MERE BARKING DOG AGAIN! YOU'RE RIGHT BACK TO YOUR OLD TIMID WAYS! WELL, IF SUPERBOY CAN'T CHANGE YOU, I SUPPOSE NOTHING CAN! I GIVE UP!
BUT I DON'T REALLY CARE, CLARK! TIMID OR NOT, I LIKE YOU JUST AS YOU ARE-- AND ALWAYS WILL!
THANKS, LANA-- YOU'RE A REAL TRUE FRIEND!
AND I REALLY MEAN THAT!
HMM.. CLARK WILL HAVE A "RELAPSE"... BUT NOT TILL LANA'S WELL AGAIN!
THE END
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